



This meeting was held in City Council Chambers, second floor, City Hall, 375 Merrimack St. on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 6:00 PM and remotely by Zoom: Meeting ID: 859 4132 0674 Passcode: 504401.

Video of this meeting is available: <https://youtu.be/vSu7K-hDGxo>

ROLL CALL:

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MINUTES:

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Motion made by Commissioner Howe to hold a public hearing at the January 26, 2023 meeting of the Lowell License Commission, seconded by Commissioner Chhan. 4 yeas, APPROVED.

ADJOURNMENT:

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Commissioner Krieger

Welcome to the first meeting of the Lowell License Commission for 2023. Has the meeting been posted?

Secretary Pyers

Yes it has.

Commissioner Krieger

The role.

Secretary Pyers

Commission Chair Descoteaux is not here. Commissioner Howe Commissioner Krieger Commissioner Donahue Commissioner Chhan, four present one absent.

[Zeroth is the acceptance of the December 15 2022 minutes.](#)

Commissioner Howe

Move approval

Commissioner Krieger

Okay. Number two

Secretary Pyers

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Commissioner Krieger

Please state your name and address.

Reed Styers

Reed Styers. I live in 19 Pine court. It's in Williamsville, New York 14221. And, Welcome to Moe's.

Commissioner Krieger

So you're all the way from New York.

Reed Styers

Yeah, I'm originally from Michigan. But I've been living in New York for about six, seven years now. We have I own and operate 15 Moe's Southwest grill franchises and we acquired these two last year end of 2022. So we're excited to be here in the Massachusetts area.

Commissioner Krieger

Okay.

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Commissioner Donahue

Welcome to Lowell.

Commissioner Krieger

Now

Reed Styers

Welcome to Lowell

Reed Styers

Yeah.

Commissioner Krieger

Tell us a little bit about Moe's Southwest grill then, please.

Reed Styers

Yeah, they're quick service or cat fast casual. Burrito, taco, we have the best Queso, with the chips. I'm biased because obviously I own and operate it. But it's just a great little quick service restaurant. Moe's started in 2000 based out of Atlanta, and why I started with Moe's back in 2016 and acquired franchises. So the previous franchise had owned this for a while they actually franchise a bunch of Dunkin Donuts, offer to sell it to me and my group. And here we are today.

Commissioner Krieger

Any questions?

Commissioner Howe

No. I just want to thank you for coming to the city.

Reed Styers

Yeah, thanks. Thanks for having me. And I'm usually here every anywhere between three to four weeks. And then my general manager he lives locally Juliano. So if he needs to attend any meetings, I let him know, when I spoke to him today. He's local, and I pop in every three to four weeks. Check on the stores.

Commissioner Howe

Second,

Commissioner Krieger

okay, we have a motion for approval. Second. All in favor say aye. Aye. All opposed. So it looks like you've got it. Welcome to Lowell.

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Reed Styers

thank you very much. And then I think Ann sent over all the information what are the next steps? I guess for me just to write in the mail, it comes Are you send it to the store?

Secretary Pyers

I'm going to email it to you.

Reed Styers

Oh, wonderful. Okay. Excellent. Well, thank you very much. I appreciate it. All right. Thank you have a nice day.

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Commissioner Krieger

Please give us your name and your address.

Vinh Le

Good evening. My name is Vine Le. I live in 160 Broadway in Haverhill, Massachusetts.

Commissioner Krieger

And you were a special one day license. Tell us about your event. Yes.

Commissioner Donahue

What are you going to be doing?

Vinh Le

Oh, I'm sorry. We're gonna do like our first hosting our first annual festival Lunar New Year. And usually is always like, you know, we always do like a private event somewhere in like, you know, like a hall or something. But this year with the City's permission, I was able to do it in downtown. And then hopefully that, you know, the mayor will join us and go into different businesses to businesses, to wish them well have a good new year, you know, the rest of the way and hopefully we can continue doing it every year after that. But then the hall that I'm trying to use it is asked like a place where the kids can go in and join the traditional games, you know, like bingos, and playing those old traditional games with prizes for the kids to enjoy. So I just want to have the liquor license just to you know, just to have it there so that you know, some people you might want to have like a toast, drink beer or something like that, but I'm not expecting too many of it drinking. So I'm going to have a bartender, be TIPs certified, she's going to be there to serve the beers. And I want to have two security one in front one and back. And one security in front. He's going to check for the ID to make sure that everyone is over 21 and put a wristband on them. And that's it.

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Commissioner Krieger

You've checked in with the police.

Vinh Le

Yes.

Commissioner Krieger

Okay. Any questions?

Commissioner Howe

You answered all my questions except Did you say how many people you are expecting

Vinh Le

the first year I'm not expecting too many because not too many people know about it, but hopefully what the city helps we can advertise and hopefully we have more people. So hopefully over like 200 I hope

Commissioner Howe

thank you

Commissioner Donahue

what is which building is 175 I'm trying...

Vinh Le

once is right next a very crowded enterprise right next to the church 169. 177 is a lounge that's my lounge loyal lounge. 177 Merrimack Street is right off Kirk street

Commissioner Donahue

yes

Vinh Le

yes that's Loyal Lounge. Loyal Lounge right now is there since 2018. Loyal Lounge it used to be all star loyal Yes. That's Yes. I'm the owner of Loyal Lounge. Yes. And I'm also the owner of the building I took over the building two months ago

Vinh Le

yes the loyal lounge because I want because I want to do it on 175 Merrimack street because the space is a little bit more bigger. So we can have more people more kits in there. So and then the 175 177 Loyal Lounge is that we're gonna have a night events with me like you know, concert activities and stuff so I didn't want to get both way mix so I just want to have everything done, the day events on one side only

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Commissioner Howe

move approval

Commissioner Krieger

I guess it's happy new year for you.

Vinh Le

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Commissioner Krieger

Please give us your name and address

Patrick Fitzgibbons

Patrick Fitzgibbons 300 MLK Jr. Way, Tsongas center

Commissioner Krieger

and tell us about your event.

Patrick Fitzgibbons

There's two basketball games I believe the first games against Bryant and then the second game is Binghamton, I believe. Both events. The athletic department wants to have 50 people in their lounge where they would serve beer and wine. I have a tip certified bartender and thus far this year, I believe they're 14 and three, playing a little bit better than the hockey team and I think they're getting a little excited.

Commissioner Krieger

Okay. And do you have a bartender?

Patrick Fitzgibbons

Yes, we have TIPs certified bartenders. If Angeles Heron Takus for both nights

Commissioner Krieger

and you've made security arrangements.

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Patrick Fitzgibbons

Lowell police will actually be on site, I meant UMass Lowell police will be on site for that. And it is not open to Costello it is a closed environment. Where containers are not going into the stadium. It's not okay on this at all.

Commissioner Howe

Move approval.

Commissioner Donahue

Second.

Commissioner Krieger

Okay, moved and seconded. All in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed. Enjoy congratulations Happy New Year.

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Commissioner Krieger

your name and address please

Steve Syverson

Steve Syverson, 269 Dutton

Commissioner Krieger

and this is your standard kind of activity.

Steve Syverson

Typical. Yep. Another art show.

Commissioner Krieger

And what is the heart of the machine?

Steve Syverson

It is an approach to depicting machinery imagined or real in an artwork, so either sculptural or paintings, whatever drawings of machinery.

Commissioner Krieger

Okay, any questions?

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No, no questions.

Commissioner Howe

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Commissioner Krieger

Your name and your address, please.

Joel Mongeon

Joel Mongeon, 174 Panic and road Lancaster mass.

Commissioner Krieger

And what kind of music are you playing?

Joel Mongeon

Rock and roll.

Commissioner Krieger

Rock and roll. Okay. Yeah, that was after my youth. Alright, anybody have any questions for Joel?

Commissioner Howe

You've held this license before, right?

Commissioner Donahue

Yes, ma'am.

Mongeon

Commissioner Howe

All right. No questions.

Commissioner Donahue

Captain, no problems?

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Captain David Peaslee

No issues.

Commissioner Donahue

Thank you. **Move approval.**

Commissioner Howe

Second,

Commissioner Krieger

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Commissioner Krieger

Name and address please.

James Dymont

Jim Dymont, 241 Methuen street Lowell mass.

Commissioner Krieger

I see you're planning way out there. That's good.

James Dymont

Yeah, well, I have to get another set of permits from the park, from the National Park. So it's a lot easier to just do it all at once.

Commissioner Krieger

Okay, and how do you intend to run these events? You've got a bartender?

James Dymont

Yeah, we have to have a TIPs certified bartender because of the National Park and we have the doors open for two hours, we usually get about 75 people. And it's kind of low key environment.

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Commissioner Krieger

Okay, and you've established a relationship with the police? Not that you're expecting trouble, but...

James Dymont

we don't usually have a policeman there no.

Captain David Peaslee

We've never had any issues with them.

Commissioner Krieger

you, but you know who to call, right?

James Dymont

Yes, I do.

Commissioner Krieger

Yeah. And what is a gallery wine?

James Dymont

Gallery wine.

Commissioner Krieger

Yeah. That's cool. It says just one that's

Secretary Pyers

already wine. That's the license.

James Dymont

It's specific for the galleries because it's, it's a less expensive license and it's just we don't serve anything else. Okay, except water.

Commissioner Krieger

Anybody else have a question?

Commissioner Donahue

I just had one question. You have to go before who? the historic commission to get a license from National Park or who do you apply to for that?

James Dymont

Directly or yes, no, I have to go through Peter Lonsway. He's the assistant to the superintendent of the National Park.

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Commissioner Donahue

I see.

James Dymont

And he's representative at the Brush for the park.

Commissioner Donahue

Okay. Just curious. Thank you.

Commissioner Howe

I have a question.

Commissioner Donahue

Oh, go ahead.

Commissioner Howe

Jim. How many years? You've been doing this?

James Dymont

Well, I've been at the brush. Eight years. This is I guess, yeah. roughly eight years. And we've been getting licenses. Probably about six years.

Commissioner Howe

Thank you.

James Dymont

Thanks.

Commissioner Howe

Move approval

Commissioner Donahue

Second.

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State your name and address please

Jhonnatha Cheam

Jonnatha Cheam of 21, Emmerson Ave in Lowell

Commissioner Krieger

and describe your event for us please

Jhonnatha Cheam

This year will be our 13th annual event. So we usually have a little live band, food vendors, merchandise vendors, traditional games, and a lot of celebration, I guess, going on a little festivity to celebrate the New Year.

Commissioner Krieger

And you have children at the event as well as adults.

Jhonnatha Cheam

Yes, we do have a kids area for the kids itself. usually have the Boys and Girls Club Do Face Painting for the children's in kids games.

Commissioner Krieger

And do servers are TIPs certified?

Jhonnatha Cheam

No alcohol.

Commissioner Krieger

Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. It's totally confused or event. No alcohol. Amplified outdoor public entertainment. It's right there in front of me for sound. Okay, as long as I can't hear it up in the Belvedere. It's good.

Jhonnatha Cheam

We will have LPD as well for details.

Commissioner Krieger

All right.

Commissioner Howe

Move approval.

Commissioner Krieger

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Okay, moved and seconded. All in favor say aye. Aye. Oppose. Well, Happy New Year.

Jhonnatha Cheam

Thank you. Yep.

Secretary Pyers

Request for a hearing for an application by Linna LLC [d/b/a] Hong Kong Restaurant, Linna Chhuon, proposed license manager, for transfer of an "All Alcoholic Beverages" restaurant license for premises at 308 Westford Street. It is requested that legal notice be published in local newspaper, and public hearing to be held on January 26, 2023 at 6 PM.

Commissioner Howe

I move we schedule a public hearing on January 26 2023.

Commissioner Krieger

Okay, move Second. All in favor say aye. Hi.

Commissioner Howe

Motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Donahue

Second.

Commissioner Krieger

All in favor say aye. Thank you